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This fruity riesling delivers classic balance for just \$15



From left: Barnard Griffin Riesling 2021, Roseblood d'Estoublon Rosé 2023, Mas des Infermières Source Rouge 2021. (Scott Suchman/for The Washington Post)

When I saw Barnard Griffin's riesling on sale at a local store recently, I couldn't resist snapping up a bottle, as this was one of my early favorite wineries from Washington state. The winery is now in its second generation, as founders Rob Griffin and Deborah Barnard have their youngest daughter, Megan Hughes, winemaker. The wine didn't disappoint. (Look for their rosé of sangiovese, too!) Also this week, we have an outstanding rosé from Provence and an eye-opening, savory syrah-dominant red from Luberon from film director Ridley Scott.

GREAT VALUE

Roseblood d'Estoublon Rosé 2023

★★★☆ (3 stars)

Côteaux Varois en Provence, France, \$25

As the name suggests, this rosé is floral, with aromas of rose and lavender wrapped around flavors of strawberries and raspberries. The texture is soft, giving an impression of sweetness while the acidity quietly carries the wine to a dry finish. ABV: 12.5 percent. BW: 650 grams (Heavy).

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